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SCOTTISH LETTER SCUTTLING AND SCUTTLERS.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

EDINBURGH, December 26th.

A judgment which is perhaps the most important of the year, in view of its consequential effects, has been pronounced by the Second Division of the Court of Session in the actions by Glasgow shipbrokers and commission agents against certain well-known insurance companies for recovery of moneys under sea policies over the hull, cargo, &c., of the *a.s. Spethari*, which foundered off the Portuguese coast in April 1921, while on a voyage to Greece. The Court found that the ship had been scuttled by the chief engineer for the benefit and by the directions of the shipbrokers and commission agents—two of them Greeks and one of them a Scotsman. It seems that H. Demetriades purchased the vessel with the professional help of a friend, Mr. Borthwick, for £2,000; and the funds for the purchase were obtained by mortgages for £7,500. Then Demetriades set about getting cargo for Greece. To some extent the venture was intended to be philanthropic towards his friends in the Levant. It was projected, too, that these friends might purchase the vessel for £20,000 or more with a view to its occupation in Levantine trading. Indeed, Borthwick was under agreement to deliver the vessel in Greece to Demetriades for £20,000 against his reselling it. With the aid of the practised eye of another friend and countryman, Cambitis, of no capital but "with some maritime antecedents," and "fish and chip shop experience," or, as he called himself, a "restaurant," Demetriades was very lucky in "spotting" in Leith some rejected dried Labrador codfish of "pre-war strength." It was said to be none the worse of having lain for some years in Iceland before its importation in December, 1920, to Scotland, by the *s.s. York*. Lord Sands tells us, however, it would be a mistake to connect this consignment in any way with the Flood. Cambitis was successful in securing 60 tons of this cargo for certain other friends at the not over stiff price of 1s. per ton, and still more successful in turning it over to a Levantine purchaser at the moderate figure of £80 per ton, he, the buyer, paying in addition the freight. It should not be omitted from the story that some 30 tons of the same codfish were bought by other people for manure. Prudent ship owners and merchants, Greek or otherwise, inquired their ventures. So, by the agency of Demetriades, Borthwick insured on time or voyage policies the hull of the *Spethari* for £20,000, and Cambitis and others interested covered the codfish, and some other cargo, with freight, disbursements, and stores, to the extent of other £15,000. The vessel duly sailed, and, as has been said, sank in the sea off Portugal. The Scottish Judges had no difficulty in pronouncing judgment against the swindlers and in favour of the underwriters. But many people are wondering how they accepted the risks, not heavy, it is true, as marine risks go, without making the least inquiry into the mercantile reputation of the proposed insurers. If they had done so, more of the dried codfish at least might have been put to better use in this country as a fertilising agency instead of slowly rotting in Portuguese waters.

FUTURE OF THE TEMPERANCE ACT.

During the General Election a considerable number of the Scottish members, irrespective of party, stated, that, while they could not support the suggested repeal of the Scottish Temperance Act, they were willing to consider any scheme of amendment, and also any sound proposal for the reform of the licensed houses. This course will be resisted by extremists on both sides, by the "Trade" and by the Prohibitionists, but the Scottish members interested feel that the great bulk of public feeling will be against deadlock. It is significant that certain of the Scottish Socialist members, who generally hold temperance views, are of this opinion now, and that they have been strengthened in their attitude by the request of considerable numbers of working men, who, while against licence, urge that at present many of the houses are in a thoroughly unsatisfactory condition. With the prospect that the next Government, whatever it is, will not be long in power, it is scarcely likely that there will be immediate legislation, but that some amendment of the present Temperance Act will eventually be carried may be predicted with every confidence.

MR. RAMSAY MACDONALD'S APPRENTICESHIP.

A Lossiemouth man has been giving some reminiscences of Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's early association with the place. One of the most interesting related to a man called Jimmie Alexander, a well-known character at Lossiemouth. He kept a tinmith's shop, and was familiarly known as "Tinnie." He was a man of superior education, and his shop was the resort of all the great politicians. Every important question of the day was thrashed out at this local parliament. "Tinnie" himself was a crusty old Tory, but every shade of opinion was represented, and many distinguished visitors took part in the discussions. The late Mr. J. E. Sutherland, M.P. for Elgin Banchory, and Sir Archibald Williamson, M.P. for Elgin and Nairn (now Lord Forres), when they had other members visiting their constituencies used to bring them along to "Tinnie's" shop. Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, who was a keen Radical in his teens, used to take an active share in these debates, and acquired there much of the skill of which he has made such good use at Westminster. "Tinnie," who, alas! has passed away, always took a great interest in the career of the Socialist leader, who had served his political apprenticeship in his shop, but he always declared that Ramsay MacDonald was a bigger man, up in London than he was in Lossiemouth.

RAMSAY MACDONALD'S MOUSTACHE.

Ramsay MacDonald's large moustache is prominent in the pictorial press now-a-days. The caricaturists see to that. And it has come to be peculiarly identified with the man. It is not quite so black as it used to be, it retains a curl and an elegance reminiscent of the "nineties," carrying some consolation thereby to old-fashioned folk. In picture groups of the Labour Party it adds a distinction for

the most part lacking in the assemblage of unassuming faces. He lets the adornment grow venerably white. Disraeli died nature and bought a bottle of dye. But a Labourist has to earn such aids in case the fierce limelight of the day brought that tell-tale purplish gleam to view and wrecked a career. Ramsay MacDonald has always worn it of the same florid size and shape—as if to typify a permanency of character and outlook. Lloyd George, allowed his hirsute protection to flourish erratically like a tropical plant with the fluctuations of power. Mr. Asquith grew locks in rivalry. Then recall if you can the German Emperor's moustache. Common gossip knew that that monumental aspect of the Chief of Hohenzollerns was not Nature's fine unaided experiment. Even beyond the barbers it was known that Wilhelm slept with his moustache in elastic hamlings or something of the sort. With royalty gone, the necessity for a martial assumption swept from his life, Wilhelm reverted not to barbarism but simply to a beard. His moustache was permitted to fall limp. For the first time in forty years he lay on his pillow in comfort. Ramsay MacDonald's moustache, however, has never changed, and people say that this typifies a certain conservatism of temperament. It is curious, when one thinks of it, that to the Man in the Street Ramsay MacDonald is always identified with this florid moustache, as part and parcel of his principles. Truly, great is the power of the political cartoonist.

E. H. LIDDELL.

It can be taken for granted that E. H. Liddell will not be able to take part in the 100 yards race at the Olympic Games at Paris next summer. The date fixed for running the heats of the event is a Sunday, and unless it can be altered the Edinburgh University "flier" will not run, holding, as he does, strong views on the subject of Sunday sport. He will, however, be free to compete in the races which correspond with the furlong and the quarter in this country—that is, if he is willing to enter for the latter. There is no Sunday clashing with these races.

E. H. Liddell, says W. J. A. Davies in his book on Rugby, "is the fastest wing three-quarter I have ever played against. Davies holds the view that Scotland failed to fully realise the possibilities of Liddell last season, and says the ball should have been got out to him without a moment's hesitation. That would have given Liddell time and space wherein to manoeuvre. Scotland, however, never employed these tactics, with the result that his exceptional speed was wasted. Another criticism of Scotland is this:—The Scottish outsiders often short-punted in the hope that Liddell would gather the ball on the bounce. The manoeuvre was tried and repeated by Scotland until it almost became an obsession. Thus it lost its surprise effect.

TO A BUNKER.

(While turning it up with a golf club.)
O, thou unhallowed pit o' sin,
That wiles me brain new gutty in
Far frae the green, far less the tin
I'm aimin' at—
Ye'll gar' me think that I'm as blin'
As ony bat!

Ah thoct 'twas driv'n as straight's a die,
An unc' ba' 'it fair an' high,
Weel certified, at need, the fly
Past time an' space,
Till—Whang!—An' I behold it lie
In thy embrace!

Sae, if your ba' though fairly struck
Gets whammled 'mang the glaur an' muck
O' bunkers, bents or sic' like truck,
Stan' fast the mair,
Gin ye play up an' trust the luck
Ye'll sune be there.

—By a Junior "Colden Bogy" in the
Hutcheson's Grammar School Magazine,
Glasgow.

OBITUARY.

The death is announced, suddenly, at the Northern Nursing Home, Aberdeen, on the 17th December, of Elizabeth Anderson, widow of James R. Adam, China Inland Mission.

EN PASSANT.

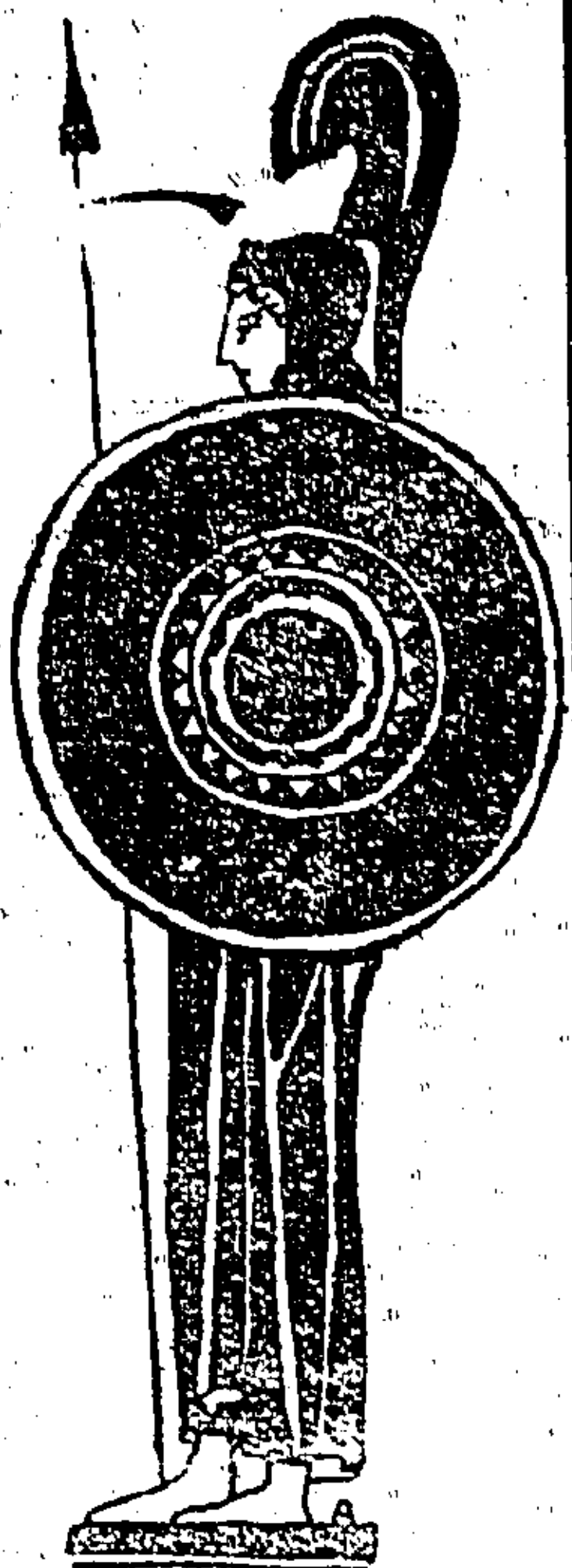
Scotsmen have a world-wide and well-earned reputation for being "canny," but surely the record was reached, if not broken, when the other day the gateman at a local dyeworks was cautiously asked:—"There's nae danger o' a job here?" The inquiring gentleman was reassured with "Ye're quite safe here, ma man."

Don Marquis, the American humorist, last month went down the Clyde on his way home to New York. In his paper, The New York Tribune, he now mentions that in Glasgow a large part of the population drink but one thing along with their whisky, and that thing is more whisky.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's late uncle was for many years a well-known guard on the Highland Railway. He was a small, pawky, and unassuming man, and a general favourite. When questioned about his nephew, all he would say was—"Imphee! Ramsay was awy a clever like chiel." Then he would smile and inquire if you had got all your luggage.

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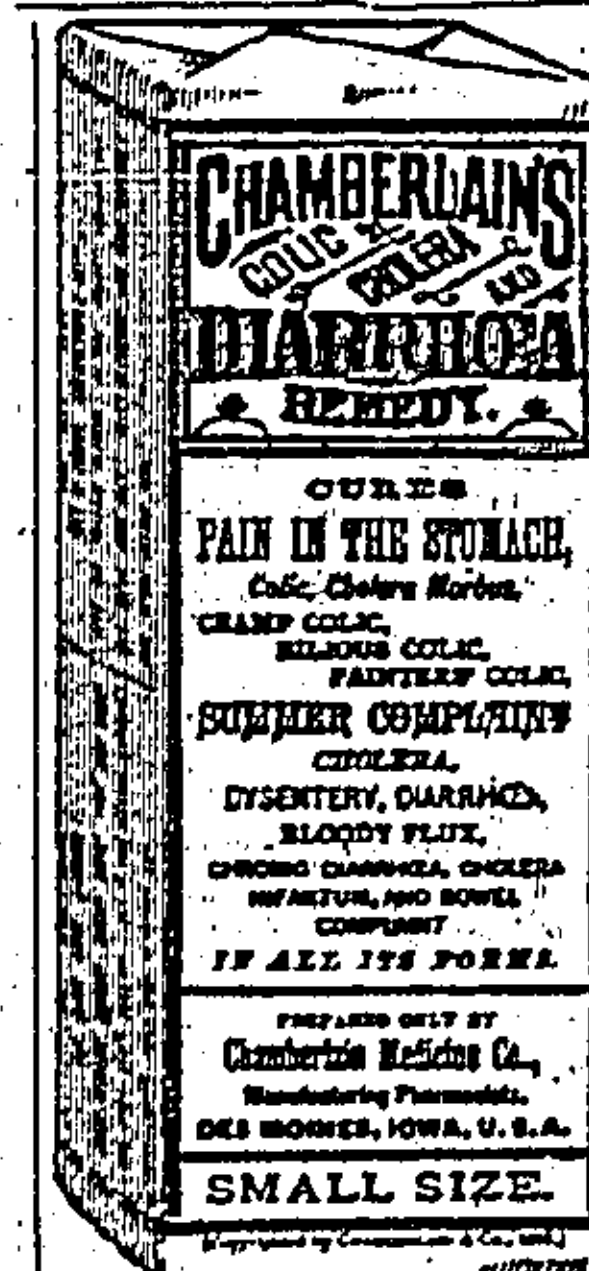


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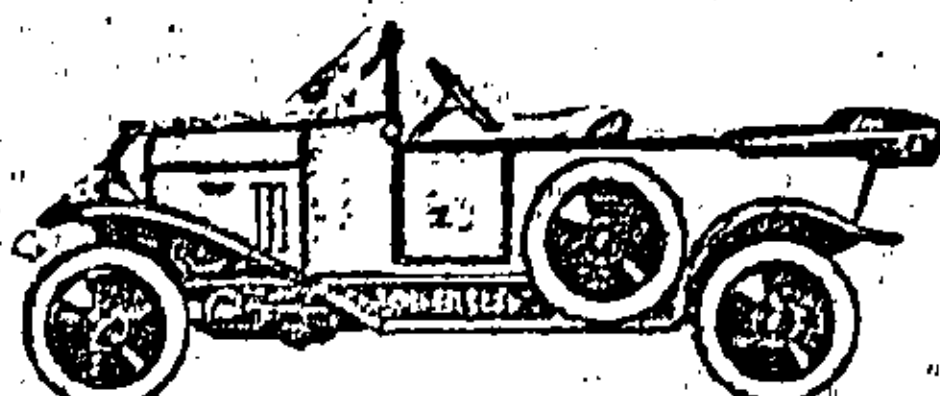
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SCOTTISH XI. OUTPLAYED BY ENGLISH.

The English Public Schoolboys beat the Scottish Public Schoolboys at the Richmond athletic ground by two goals and five tries (25 points) to nothing.

The English team was evidently much too good for the Scottish, some of whom were not even members of their school fifteens, and both in physique and skill they had a great advantage. Still, the Scottish did very well during the first half, and not only did they keep the scoring down to a single try, but they might have claimed at half-time to have had as much of the game as the English boys. Their efforts, however, had been too strenuous and they were overrun in the second half, their line being crossed six times. In the second half the English boys seemed to be able to pull together, and their combination improved as the game went on. But the Scottish team were never able to get together, and the efforts of individual players went for nothing.

The Scottish boys had the better of the game at the start. Although they were not getting the ball from the scrummages, they came near to scoring through fine runs by Douglas and Robertson, who were brought down very near the line, and who might easily have scored had they either gone straight ahead or passed in time. The English attack was spasmodic, and was generally stopped by the magnificent tackling and kicking of Peter Wilson, who once brought down Rinkel in fine style less than a yard from the line. From the ensuing scrumage Bunnay gave Rinkel a good pass on the blind side, and he went across for a try. Play again favoured the Scottish boys, but the passing on both sides was very uncertain. Each side had a free kick, which might have yielded a goal. Pacey failed with his kick, but Miller, who took the kick for the Scottish boys, handled the ball on the ground and thus lost his opportunity. Dams, the Marlborough captain, who had so far been giving very poor passes, improved somewhat, and the first real round of passing was shown by the English boys, but Heath could not get past the Scottish defence. Other attempts at similar movements were spoiled by bad passing, and the dropping of those passes which were good.

The English boys started much better in the second half, and Pacey, after a great dribble half the length of the field, scored a try. The Scottish now saw some signs of better passing, but good tackling by Dams stopped them, and then Dams, with a beautiful pass, sent Rinkel away, and he scored after a fine run. Another try was soon scored by Heath, who picked up a Scottish pass which had gone astray and ran in at a fine pace. Lee scored the next try, following up a high punt, tackling a back, and taking the ball from him. Whitham converted with a fine kick. Rinkel again scored after a good bout of passing, running round the defence in fine style. Whitham again converted. Bunnay, who had been playing a good game all the time, then, in spite of his lack of weight and height, forced his way through a great crowd of his opponents for a try. The Scottish rallied towards the end, but their backs could make no headway owing to their consistently bad passing.

The teams were:—English Public Schools.—J. P. Whitham (Sherborne), back; R. E. Heath (Eastbourne), J. W. Fennis (Brighton), G. R. K. Lee (Cranleigh), and J. W. J. Rinkel (Blundell), three quarter backs; F. O. Dams (Marlborough) (captain) and F. M. T. Bunnay (Cheltenham), half-backs; C. K. Wroford (Cranleigh), J. H. Edmiston (Hailbury), A. E. C. Prescott (Marlborough), F. E. Pacey (Cheltenham), W. L. Bull (Radley), A. A. D. Uphill (St. Paul's), F. R. Abby (Brighton), and C. H. Lewis (Eastbourne), forwards.

Scottish Public Schools.—Peter Wilson (Merchiston), back; J. F. Meikle (Mill Hill), C. S. Sutherland (Mill Hill), M. A. McCann (Cranleigh), and J. S. Douglas (Brighton), three-quarter backs; K. M. Robertson (Eltham) and J. T. Bell (Brighton), half-backs; K. M. Wright (Cheltenham) (captain), L. M. Scott (Fettes), D. C. Miller (Fettes), J. M. Scanlon (Loretto), G. M. Balfour (Edinburgh Academy), W. H. Wrightson (Dollar Academy), N. P. McFarlane (Fettes), and R. J. G. McMicking (Marlborough), forwards.

"HAPPY UNREALITY"

MR. CHESTERTON ON THE SPIRIT OF ENGLISH SPORT

It is nonsense (Mr. Chesterton writes in the *Illustrated Review*) to say what is called "character" is formed by cricket, or, in other words, that method is formed by cricket, and is not formed by farming like French peasants or fighting like French soldiers. But it is not nonsense to say that a particular sort of English gentility and good temper are formed by cricket and kindred English sports. It is nonsense to talk as if we alone in the world could be made into heroes by our amusements, while all those who dig and drudge and march in conscript armies cannot even be made into men by their martyrdoms. But it is not nonsense to say that we alone in the world have created a certain kind of amusement, and with it a certain kind of amenity. It is no small thing to say that we have added to the mass of good humour and good fellowship there is in the world; and that can really and truly be said. A happy irony of universal agreement, verging on indifference, lies over all our sports and games.

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Division I.

South China..... 1 H.M.S. Titania. 0
Kowloon..... 5 H.M.S. Despatch 1

Division II.

Surreys Res..... 3 Filipino Club..... 0
Titania Res..... 3 H.K. Club Res..... 0
Kowloon Res..... 2 Sacred Heart..... 0

Owing to several of the grounds being reported unfit for play, some of the matches arranged for Saturday were unavoidably postponed.

SOUTH CHINA v. "TITANIA"

This match, played on the H.K.F.C. ground, was witnessed by a large crowd. By kind permission of the H.K.F.C. the gate was devoted to the Submarine L. 21 fund. \$272 will therefore be added to the fund as the local Flotilla committee, who were responsible for the arrangements made, report that this amount was taken for admission to the stands. The Committee wish to thank the general public for supporting so good a cause, and also the H.K.F.C. for the use of the ground and stands.

THE GAME.

Wong Pak Chong started the game for South China, who took up the attack from the start but failed to make much impression on the sailors' defence. The game was very fast but the ground being on the greasy side, accurate play was out of the question. Logan did brilliant work in the sailors' goal and saved his side from a heavy defeat. South China forced four corners in succession, three of them being off the goalkeeper in making good saves from shots sent in at close range. The sailors were very good in the open but their forwards did not combine well. The wings were very erratic and they appeared to be content with shooting when a centre would most probably have been turned to good account. Weldon kept his forwards well supplied, but Lau Hing Cheung had very little trouble to deal with the shots directed at him. The first half was well contested and at the interval the scored sheet was blank.

From the re-start South China showed great dash and a shot from Chan Kwong UI was charged down by Lanning, the ball going behind for a corner. The sailors cleared from the flag kick and Emery was badly fouled when running through, but, luckily for South China, the offence happened outside the penalty area. Emery, taking the kick himself, sent the ball over the bar. Weldon had a couple of shots from free kicks awarded well out, but Lau Hing Cheung dealt successfully with them. South China scored the only goal of the match following a fine run and centre by Chan Kwong UI on the left. Pang Kam Wing meeting the ball sent in a high shot, well out of Logan's reach.

For a time after this the sailors were pressing but failed to beat the South China defence. Lau Hing Cheung made a mistake by leaving his goal and chasing the ball out to the left wing, but Bates failed to centre in time for the Titania to take advantage of the absence of the goalkeeper, and a good chance was lost. The Titania, however, forced a corner and Weldon was unlucky with a well-directed shot, the ball striking the crossbar and rebounding to play. Shortly afterwards the final whistle sounded leaving South China winners of a fast game by a goal to nil.

Considering the state of the ground the standard of play was good. It was anybody's game up to the blowing of the final whistle, and with their share of luck the sailors should have shared the points. The goal that won the match for South China was a good one although it appeared that Logan could have cleared when Chan Kwong UI centred and before Pang Kam Wing had a chance to reach the ball. However it was a fine shot that won the match.

South China.—Lau Hing Cheung; Lai Yuk Tat and Chan So; Leung Yuk Tong and Lam Yuk Ying; Pang Kam Wing; Choi Ping Fan; Wong Pak Chong; Lai Wai Tong and Chan Kwong UI.
Titania.—Logan; Pettingman and Lanning; Kemp, Weldon and Brooks; Wiscombe, Dargavel, Emery, Grice and Bates.

Referee: Mr. Smith.

SOUTH CHINA "B" v. CLUB DE RECREIO.

South China "B" qualified to meet H.M.S. Despatch in the semi-final of the Junior Shield when they beat the Club de Recreio on the St. Joseph's ground. The field was very slippery and the players found it difficult to keep their feet. The only goal of the match was scored by Leung Wing Tak from a centre by Ip Kau. The Club had several chances to pull the game round, but the forwards were slow in front of goal. Hyndman played a safe game at back for the Club de Recreio. South China "B" won by a goal to nil.

KOWLOON v. H.M.S. "DESPATCH."

Playing at home, Kowloon beat the Despatch by five goals to one. Both teams were not at full strength, the sailors having several men up the river, while Kowloon had Turner and Morton out in place of McKelvie and F. Wheeler. The game opened rather sensationally, for Riddle put through his own goal when attempting to clear a shot, thereby giving Kowloon the lead after two minutes' play. The Despatch soon levelled up. Woods taking a pass from Balcombe and beating Rasmussen from close range. Muir gave Kowloon the lead with a brilliant shot, giving Brewerton no chance. Give and take play followed and at the interval Kowloon were leading by the odd goal in three.

The second half went greatly in favour of Kowloon and early in this half Muir scored a fine goal, which was an individual effort. Brewerton was playing a brilliant game in goal for the sailors and turned down some good shots. Millard was good towards the close and scored two goals with individual runs giving Brewerton no chance with shots sent in from close range. The final whistle found Kowloon winners as above.

Kowloon.—Rasmussen; Morton and Knight; Howarth, Turner and Pasco; Millard, Mason, Latham, A. Duncan and Muir.
Despatch.—Brewerton; Riddle and Clarke; Henshaw, Broadmore and Hines; Balcombe, Brewer, Carter, Woods, and White.
Referee: Mr. Wakeham.

EAST SURREYS RESERVES v. FILIPINO CLUB.

At Sookpoo the Surreys won by five goals to nil. The Filipino Club played ten men only throughout the game. Oliver the full back failing to turn up. McGregor opened the score and Robinson soon put on another. Merry scored following a well placed corner kick, and at the interval the Surreys were leading by three goals to nil. Merry and Jackson scored after the change of ends.

KOWLOON RESERVES v. SACRED HEART.

At Kowloon the home team won by two goals to nil. For a time the play was very even, but before the interval Hast scored for Kowloon. Chapman put the home side further ahead in the second half, and the game ended in a win for Kowloon as above.

"TITANIA" RES. v. CLUB RES.

The Titania beat the Club Reserves on the Club ground by three goals to nil. Angus assisted the Club Reserves. The first half was goalless, but the second half saw the sailors on top and putting on three goals, Bull 2, Brawn 1.

GOLF.

THE LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP.

The final of the Ladies' Championship was played off at Fanling yesterday between Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Parker. The match was won by Mrs. Hill by five and four to play. Mrs. Hill is the wife of Col. Hill, of the R.A.O.C., who is this year's golf champion of the Colony, and Mrs. Hill's win yesterday means that both Col. and Mrs. Hill hold the proud distinction of being the two golfing champions of the Colony.

THE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

The first and second rounds of the junior golf championship were played off yesterday at Fanling and the following are the results:—

1ST ROUND.

J. P. Warren beat T. Monaghan.
G. Murray beat F. G. Hyland.
E. H. O'Farrell, walk over.
T. Ramsay beat H. S. Hill.
H. C. Merdith, walk over.
H. C. Merdith beat R. M. Newton-King.

D. McLaren beat A. Leitch.
A. D. Humphreys, walk over.
F. A. Wells beat W. Long.
C. P. F. Warton, walk over.
A. K. Henderson, walk over.
T. T. Oakes beat R. E. O. Bird.

2ND ROUND.

J. P. Warren, walk over.
G. Murray, walk over.
E. H. O'Farrell beat T. Ramsay.
H. C. Merdith beat Capt. Merdith.
D. McLaren beat A. D. Humphreys.
F. A. Wells beat C. P. F. Warton.
T. T. Oakes beat A. K. Henderson.

BILLIARDS.

In a first round match in the Military Amateur Billiards Championship, at the Military Hospital, Bowen Road, Battery Sergeant-Major Page, R.G.A., defeated Pte. Miles, R.A.M.C.

European footwear is becoming increasingly popular in Tokyo, where the *geta* is fast disappearing even among the common people. Even laborers, says the *Japan Chronicle*, have been throwing away their straw sandals and taking to rubber boots and shoes. Cobblers are doing a roaring trade and numerous new shops have been opened.

CRICKET.

SECOND LEAGUE.

C.R.C. v. CIVIL SERVICE.

The Civil Service Cricket Club second string by defeating the Chinese Recreation Club second string at Happy Valley on Saturday by five wickets, have improved their position in the league. They now go into second place, displacing the Navy. But as the Navy have still a number of matches in hand it is very likely that they will displace the Civil Service men before long. On Saturday the Chinese fielded only ten men, H. Kew being absent. They batted first and scored 83. Edmonds, Hamilton and Smith taking most of the wickets for low averages. The Civil Service replied with 97 for the loss of five wickets when stumps were drawn, thus giving them a comparatively easy victory.

Scores:—	
C.R.C. 2ND XI.	
Wong Po Keung, b Edmonds.....	5
Y. M. Shi, run out.....	0
Wan Iu Shing, c and b Edmonds.....	7
S. T. Wong, b Sara.....	1
K. L. Chan, not out.....	51
Cheung Wing Kue, b Hamilton.....	8
C. E. Wong, b Smith.....	3
Leung Kam Cheong, c Boardall, b Smith.....	1
C. F. Lee, b Hamilton.....	1
H. Kew, absent.....	0
P. S. Tsui, lbw, Hamilton.....	0
Extras.....	4
Total.....	83

Total	23		
Bowling Analysis				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Sara	10	1	44	1
Edmonds	9	4	14	1
Hamilton	8.3	5	11	3
Smith	3	0	10	2

CIVIL SERVICE.	
Harper, c Chau, b S. Wong.....	23
Boardall, c Leung, b S. Wong.....	3
Edmonds, b S. Wong.....	24
Culip, b S. Wong.....	4
Smith, c and b W. Y. Shi.....	22
Westlake, not out.....	7
Extras.....	7
Total (for 5 wickets).....	97

Total (for 5 wickets)				97
Bowling Analysis.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Wong Po Keung	8	0	40	1
Y. Shi	6	0	28	1
C. Wong	1	0	5	0
S. Wong	4	1	12	3

K.C.C. v. H.K.C.C.

This match was played at King's Park on Saturday and resulted in a very easy win for the Hongkong Cricket Club.

second string. Batting first, the Kowloon Cricket Club were all out for 81. S. E. Green being top scorer with 38. Baron was the most successful bowler for the visitors and took six wickets for eleven runs, all at being clean bowled, probably one of the best bowling feats in local cricket this season. The Hongkong Cricket Club replied with 131 for nine wickets, having secured the number of runs necessary for a win with the fall of the fifth wicket. H. E. Hollands, first man in, was top scorer for his side with 33, when he had the misfortune to be run out! The Kowloon side were hard put to it for bowlers and eight men trundled against the Hongkong batsmen. Of these A. R. F. Raven secured a good average with 3 wickets for 16 runs.

Scores:—	
KOWLOON C.C.	
H. Overy, hit wicket, b Hagen.....	2
A. O. Brown, c Kearne, b Baron.....	11
A. R. F. Raven, c Hollands, b McNicoll.....	7
B. Petheram, c Jacks, b Hagen.....	2
J. Fraser, c Hollands, b Baron.....	26
W. L. Weaver, c Piercy, b Baron.....	0
E. J. Edwards, c Piercy, b Baron.....	6
A. J. Kew, c Jacks, b Griffin.....	4
E. Savage, c Mark, b Baron.....	2
O. B. Raven, not out.....	10
D. S. Green, c Jacks, b Baron.....	1
Extras.....	3
Total.....	84

Total	84			
Bowling Analysis.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
H. Griffin	11	5	20	1
E. C. Hagen	4	0	14	2
L. D. McNicoll	4	0	14	1
C. V. Mark	5	0	22	0
C. R. Baron	7.4	2	11	6

HONGKONG C.C.	
H. E. Hollands, run out.....	23
D. E. G. Nicholson, b O. B. Raven.....	9
E. C. Hagen, c Brown, b O. B. Raven.....	0
Raven.....	25
L. D. McNicoll, b Weaver.....	17
C. H. Piercy, b A. Raven.....	1
C. R. Baron, run out.....	1
P. Jacks, b A. Raven.....	1
L. Kearne, st. Edwards, b A. Raven.....	0
R. M. McAlpine, c Edwards, b Savage.....	12
H. Griffin, not out.....	24
C. V. Mark, not out.....	2
Extras.....	8
Total (for 9 wickets).....	131

L. Kearne, st. Edwards, b A.	
Raven	0
B. M. McAlpine, c Edwards, b	
Savage	12
H. Griffin, not out	24
C. V. Mark, not out	2
Extras	8
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Total (for 2 wickets)	173

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SUICIDE OF A YOUNG ENGLISHMAN.

A DELIBERATE ACT.

Mr. Harold H. Day, a well-known local sportsman, aged 30 years, committed suicide on Friday afternoon, in Jubilee Road, by shooting himself with a revolver. He was very well-known and very popular among the younger section of the European community over whom the tragic occurrence cast quite a gloom. He was perhaps best known to the sporting section of the community. He was a cricketer and a rugby football player, and only last month played for Hongkong in the interport rugby match against Shanghai. This season he had also played on several occasions for the second string of the Hongkong Cricket Club. He was of a bright and happy disposition and was popular amongst his colleagues on the staff of the Hongkong Electric Company, Limited.

He left two documents of a private nature, one written to his mother, who resides in Bradford, and another to his senior colleague in the Meter Department, and he had made an entry in his diary to this effect: "Damn the East and all its falseness."

It appears that on Friday he left the Sutherland Street Electric Works Office at 3 p.m. in one of the Company's motor-cars, to go for a ride. He was indefinite as first in which direction to proceed but finally instructed the chauffeur to proceed in the direction of Jubilee Road. On reaching a house, known as the "Blarney Stone," he stopped the car, got out and walked along the road towards the west, disappearing from the view of the chauffeur round a corner. Almost immediately afterwards the chauffeur heard a shot fired, and he alighted from the car and ran in the direction in which Mr. Day had disappeared. Just before reaching the bend three more reports were heard, and rounding the corner he saw Mr. Day standing in the centre of the road with a revolver in his right hand. The chauffeur rushed towards him and as he did so he heard him say that he intended to shoot himself, and suiting the action to the word, he put the weapon to his head, pulled the trigger, and fell helpless to the ground.

The chauffeur rushed back in the car to the Electric Works and there informed Mr. Longfield what had happened. The latter got in touch with Inspector Peter Grant of No. 7 Police Station. Assistance was rushed to the spot where Mr. Day was found to be lying in the road still alive. He was removed to the Government Civil Hospital as quickly as possible. His condition, however, was hopeless and despite the efforts of the medical staff at the hospital he only lived until just after 8 p.m.

The revolver was found to contain one live round of ammunition and five spent rounds. The fatal bullet wound was inflicted about two inches behind the right ear. Another bullet had made a hole in the brim of the deceased's hat.

It is understood that Mr. Day was due for leave next year and that it was his intention to get married whilst home on leave.

THE FUNERAL.

The funeral of the unfortunate young man took place on Saturday afternoon at the Protestant Cemetery, Happy Valley, the Cathedral Chaplain (the Rev. V. H. Conley, Moly) conducting the burial service. At the graveside many personal friends of the deceased gathered to pay their last respects. The Football Club (Rugby Section) and the Cricket Club were largely represented, whilst practically the whole of the European staff of the Hongkong Electric Company showed their deep sympathy by being present. Amongst those noticed at the graveside were: The Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang (Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.), Mr. F. R. Marsh (Manager), Mr. V. Sorby, Mr. G. Duckworth, Mr. T. N. MacReynolds, Mr. A. S. Percy, Mr. S. J. Jordain, Mr. W. R. Reynolds, Mr. G. N. Dorkins, Mr. T. MacNicholl, Capt. Clements, Mr. G. Herdridge, Mr. A. A. Smith, Mr. W. Brown, Mr. D. Dryden, Mr. A. W. Ramsay, Mr. A. Forsyth, Mr. A. O'Shea, Mr. G. T. Eveleigh, Mr. T. Skelton, Mr. H. MacTavish, Mr. T. Bolt, Mr. E. Thompson, Mr. H. W. Pettley, Mr. H. E. Taylor, Mr. J. Howe, Mr. R. Andrews, Mr. H. E. Forsyth, Mr. D. Logan and many others including practically the whole of the Electric Company's staff.

There were many beautiful wreaths placed on the grave and amongst those who sent floral tributes were the following:—From his sorrowing Father and Mother, Alf. The Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd., Drawing Office Staff, Generating Staff, Mains Department Staff, Chinese Employees, Motor Department, Hongkong Tramways, Ltd., Hongkong Football Club (Rugby Section), Hongkong Football

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IN MEMORY OF A GALLANT COMRADE

EAST SURREY BALL AT THE THEATRE ROYAL.

The Warrant and Non-Commissioned Officers of the 1st Battalion, the East Surrey Regiment, held a Ball at the City Hall on Saturday evening in commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Solbrun, which was fought among the hills of Afghanistan in 1846. The Ball, to which every officer in the Garrison was invited, was a distinct success, as also was the dinner, held earlier in the evening at the Hongkong Hotel. The main rooms of the City Hall were tastefully decorated, and the Regiment had on view its trophies, Regimental Colours, etc. The officials responsible for the success of the evening were R.S.M. Maynard (president), Sgt. Woodward (M.C.), and Q.M.S. Woodman, Sgt. Wright and Sgt. Diamond (members of committee).

The Battle of Solbrun is celebrated by the W.O.'s and N.C.O.'s of the Regiment particularly on account of the distinguished conduct of a fellow N.C.O. during the course of the conflict. This was Sgt. Bernard McCabe. Hand-to-hand fighting was in progress. The Colour-bearer, Ensign Jones, was shot and mortally wounded. As the Colour fell to the ground Sgt. McCabe seized it, and, running forward, succeeded in erecting it on the top of an Afghan rampart. He was, on the field of battle, promoted to the rank of Ensign for his gallantry, eventually obtaining his captaincy before being seriously wounded on the 30th September, 1857. He died two days later. McCabe, at one period of his service, fought in the Canton River campaign.

COAL BOAT STRIKES A ROCK.

TOWED INTO HARBOUR BADLY DAMAGED.

The s.s. *Kienkifu*, a coal boat of some 6,000 tons burthen, belonging to the Kailan Mining Company, struck a rock off Fung Lung Island, near the Nine Pins, during the fog on the 8th inst. The vessel was badly damaged, and yesterday morning she was towed into the harbour, stern first, by the tug *Henry Kewick*.

"TEMPORARY NOTES" ISSUED AT CANTON.

"TIDING OVER" THE NEW YEAR SETTLEMENT.

What are described as "temporary notes" to the amount of \$500,000, were issued by the Canton Government on the last day of the Chinese year. They were issued chiefly to pay the troops. Although official warnings had been circulated that these notes were to be accepted at their face value, many shopkeepers, who are said to have been unaware that these notes were issued by proper authority, refused to accept them. A number of butchers and fruit sellers accepted their shops early in the day to avoid accepting them, and for the same reason some of the restaurants and tea-houses have prolonged their annual holidays. The Government has now recalled the notes for the purpose of circulating them in a different manner. They are to be "chopped" by the Rehabilitation Commission, the General Chamber of Commerce and the Charitable Institutions, and then business houses will be required to use them.

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YACHTING. INTERESTING SAILING MATCH.

NAVY DEFEAT THE "ROYALS."

An interesting sailing match between teams representing the Royal Navy and the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club was held yesterday, resulting in a very decisive win for the Navy by 63 points to 49. The match was divided into two sections—a morning and an afternoon event—and the Naval yachtsmen showed their superiority in both events, winning the morning event by ten points and the afternoon event by four points. In order to making the sailing as fair as possible to both sides the system adopted for the match between St. George's and St. Andrew's Societies some weeks ago was adopted. This was that ten specially selected yachts belonging to members of the Club were used for the events. Five of these were Gaels and five Heyward-Hayes. The team sailing the Gaels in the morning sailed the Heyward-Hayes in the afternoon and vice versa.

The wind was North East (force 3)—a good sailing breeze—and some very keen racing was witnessed over a course of Channel Rock, Kowloon Markboat Club line, mark boat Kowloon Dock Point and Cust Rock (morning) and Channel Rock, Club Line, both points taken on the starboard (afternoon), start and finish at the Yacht Club. This course was sailed over twice in both events. At the start of the morning race the "Royals" were unfortunate in having two boats recalled for being over the line. At the first point the Club yachts were more to the windward than their opponents. The wind changed, veering round more to the North East and it was at this point that the winning Naval yachts took the lead which they never lost in the morning event. The winning boat of this event was *Joan*, manned by Lieut.-Com. Stevenson and Lieut. Dickson, *Gladys* and *Spray* (also sailed by the Navy Team) coming in second and third respectively.

In the afternoon, with change over, the Navy scored another first and second. This time *Sealark* (sailed by Lieut.-Com. Lockhart and Lieut. Creswell) was the winning boat while *Ursula* (sailed by Lieuts. King and Addis) came in second. The best the "Royals" could do in the morning was to secure a fourth. This was secured by *Adanae* (sailed by Messrs. Shields and Rouse), but in the afternoon they did a little better and *Gladys* came in third.

During the interval tiffin was served in the Club-house and at the conclusion of the race the Commodore of the Club (Mr. D. K. Blair) handed the Club flag to Commodore Grace. In doing so, on behalf of the Club, he remarked that it was just a year ago to the day since the Naval gala was held at the Club when the Club's yachts were loaned to Naval Officers for competition amongst themselves. No doubt they had profited by the experience gained at that time which was now reflected in the results of that day's racing.

Commodore Grace suitably replied and expressed the hope that these sailing events would occur more frequently.

Tea was served at the conclusion of the racing. The arrangements for this day were in the capable hands of Mr. Ralphs and Mr. Rouse.

The teams for the match were as follows:—The Navy.—Commodore Grace and Lieut.-Com. Hutton; Lieuts. King and Addis; Lieuts. Brown and Growse; Lieut.-Com. Stevenson and Lieut. Dickson.

The Club.—Messrs. Shields and Rouse; Ryan and Adams; Arbut and Davidson; Pearce and Vaux; Grist and Tracy.

The following are the results:—

NAVY.				
Morning Event.				
Yacht	Finishing Pos.	Time.	Points.	
<i>Joan</i>	1	12.16.52	11	
<i>Gladys</i>	2	12.18.00	9	
<i>Spray</i>	3	12.19.16	8	
<i>Winifred</i>	7	12.23.30	4	
<i>Belinda</i>	10	12.25.12	1	
Total	33			
Afternoon Event.				
<i>Sealark</i>	1	4.40.14	11	
<i>Ursula</i>	2	4.40.39	9	
<i>Boojum</i>	3	4.48.28	8	
<i>Adanae</i>	4	4.51.19	7	
<i>Pierette</i>	10	4.59.08	1	
Total	30			
Total points for day	63			
R.H.Y.C.				
Morning Event.				
Yacht	Finishing Pos.	Time.	Points.	
<i>Adanae</i>	4	12.19.53	7	
<i>Sealark</i>	5	12.20.13	6	
<i>Ursula</i>	6	12.23.21	5	
<i>Boojum</i>	8	12.24.30	3	
<i>Pierette</i>	9	12.24.39	2	
Total	23			

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COMPANY MEETING. HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE CO., LTD.

The ordinary annual general meeting of the shareholders of Humphreys Estate and Finance Co., Ltd., was held at the Hongkong Hotel on Saturday.

Mr. Henry Humphreys presided and was supported by the following directors: Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, Father Robert, Messrs. J. Scott Harston, W. L. Patterson and J. M. Alves. In addition there were present Messrs. L. S. Greenhill, J. H. Seth, M. Fernandez, F. M. Ellis, M. G. Razack, D. E. Clark, and J. D. Humphreys.

The secretary (Mr. C. Rapp) having read the notice convening the meeting, the CHAIRMAN said:—The Report and Statement of Accounts with Auditors' report having been in your hands for the past twelve days I propose, with your permission, to adopt the usual procedure and take them as read. As regards the accounts, I think you will agree with me that they are quite satisfactory. They call for little comment. Profit on sales of property is \$25,933.38 less than last year, on the other hand revenue from rent shows an increase of \$45,552.21. The amount at credit of Special Repairs and Renewals account has been reduced to the low figure of \$1,455 as shown in the accounts; your directors therefore propose to transfer a sum of \$10,000.00 from profits to the credit of this account. The typhoons and floods of 1923 especially the latter caused some damage to our properties, particularly those on the May Road level. The proposed transfer of \$10,000 to the credit of Typhoon and Floods Insurance Fund will be more than sufficient to repair the damage. I trust the proposed allocation of \$50,000 to Reserve Fund, and the proposed distribution of profits will meet with your approval. I have no further remarks to make and now propose that the report and statement of accounts as presented be adopted. After this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer any questions in connection with the accounts shareholders may wish to ask.

Mr. L. S. GREENHILL seconded the proposition, which was unanimously carried. No questions being asked, the CHAIRMAN proposed and Mr. J. H. SETH seconded the resolution that Messrs. J. Scott Harston, W. L. Patterson, Rev. Father Robert, Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, and Mr. G. M. Alves be re-elected as directors.

The election of Mr. H. Percy Smith and Messrs. Linwood and Davies as auditors, at the remuneration of \$350 each for the ensuing year, concluded the proceedings.

\$40,000 SHORT.

CHEQUE AND BANK SHROFF DISAPPEAR.

The local police, acting on a report from the Comptroller Department of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, are investigating the circumstances revolving around the disappearance of a cheque for \$40,000. This sum appears to have been paid out, but the cheque cannot be found. A shroff of the Bank, on being asked to attend the Central Police Station for interrogation, disappeared from his home, taking his family. A reward for the shroff's arrest is to be offered.

Afternoon Event.

<i>Gladys</i>	4.44.04	3	8
<i>Winifred</i>	4.44.50	4	7
<i>Joan</i>	4.48.01	5	6
<i>Spray</i>	4.51.18	8	3
<i>Belinda</i>	4.51.19	9	2

Total 26

Total points for day 49

SATURDAY'S YACHTING.

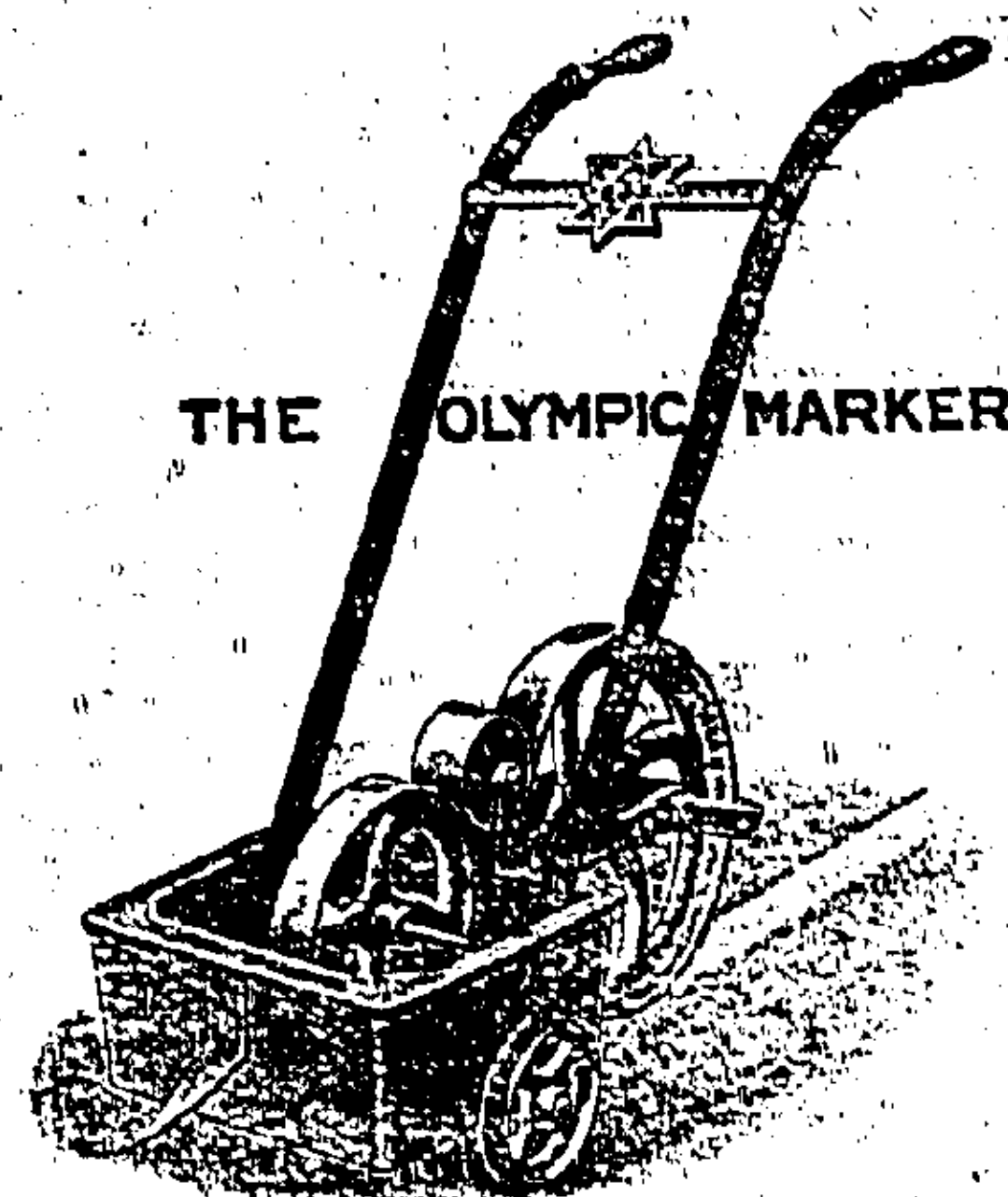
SIXTH CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT RE-SAILED.

On Saturday the sixth championship event was re-sailed over a course of Club Line, Trocree Road, North Fairway Buoy (P), distance about 3.4 miles. The results were as follows:—

GAEL CLASS.				
Yacht	Finishing Time	Corr. Time	Position	Points
<i>Joan</i>	4.41.44	4.46.21	1	12
<i>Pierette</i>	4.44.14	4.46.45	2	8
<i>Mea Sing</i>	4.49.37	4.50.27	3	6
<i>Viking</i>	5.22.00	5.20.33	4	4
RAYWOOD HAYES.				
<i>Sealark</i>	4.45.13	4.46.29	1	12
<i>Ursula</i>	4.46.53	4.48.33	2	10
<i>Gladys</i>	4.48.28	4.49.10	3	8
<i>Belinda</i>	4.53.17	4.49.13	4	6
<i>Boojum</i>	4.54.44	4.50.34	5	4
<i>Adanae</i>	4.51.21	4.53.27	6	2
<i>Winifred</i>	Did not finish.			
ONE DESIGN.				
<i>Alisa</i>	4.48.19	same	1	5
<i>Halcyon</i>	4.51.01	same	2	3
<i>Bonita</i>	4.53.06	same	3	2
HANDICAP CLASS.				
<i>Diana</i>	4.55.29	4.58.00	1	5
<i>Colleen</i>	4.43.59	4.58.8	2	4
<i>Rolla</i>	4.54.16	4.58.63	3	3
<i>La Linda</i>	4.43.53	4.43.44	4	4

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NOTICE.

MR. FRIDRICK CHARLES HALL, having returned to the Colony, resumes Charge of our Insurance Department from Date.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.
Hongkong, 9th February, 1924. [332]

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

MESSES. LINSTAD AND DAVIS, Chartered Accountants, announce that they have removed their Offices to the 1st Floor of ALEXANDRA BUILDING.

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PARTNERSHIP NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day admitted my Nephew **Mr. J. M. D'ALMADA REMEDIOS** as a Partner in my Practice which will be carried on under the Style or Firm Name of **LEO. D'ALMADA AND NEPHEW.**

Dated the 9th day of February, 1924.

LEO. D'ALMADA E CASTRO,
Solicitor,
York Building,
Hongkong.

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THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI HOTELS, LTD.,
Powell's Building.

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SS. "CORDILLERE."

SERVICES CONTRACTUELS DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from DUNKIRK, ANTWERP, MIDDLESBOUGH, MANCHESTER AND LONDON also Cargo ex ss. "COMMANDANT DORISE" from COGNAC, etc., in connection with above Steamer are hereby informed that their goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and stored at the risks into the Godowns of the Hongkong-Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after the 14th instant, at Noon, will be subject to rental and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 18th instant, or they will not be recognized.

All damaged packages will be examined on Thursday, the 14th instant, at 10 a.m., by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

R. BODENFUSHER,
Acting Agent.
Hongkong, 8th February, 1924. [334]

THE BEN LINE STEAMERS, LTD.
From MIDDLESBOUGH, ANTWERP, LONDON AND STRAITS.

The Steamship "BENROECH."

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong-Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence, and/or from the wharves, delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 15th inst., will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 29th instant, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 15th inst., at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 8th February, 1924. [327]

"GLEN" LINE LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

From UNITED KINGDOM AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship

"PEMBROKESHIRE"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of cargo by her are hereby informed that all goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong-Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence, and/or from the wharves, delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 16th February, 1924, at Noon, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined in the presence of Consignees of the Hongkong-Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., on 16th February, 1924, at 10 a.m. Claims against the Steamer including those for cargo short delivered must be presented on the special form provided, and must also be submitted within 30 days of arrival, otherwise they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 11th February, 1924. [337]

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

THE FORTIETH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at St. George's Building, Chester Road, Victoria, on THURSDAY, the 20th FEBRUARY, 1924, at 11 o'clock A.M. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1923, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Thursday, the 21st February, 1924, until Thursday, 28th February, 1924, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 8th February, 1924. [349]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING 1924.

FEBRUARY 20th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd.

MEMBERS have the privilege of introducing Two Non-members to the Members' Enclosure.

A Limited Number of Tickets are available and may be obtained from Messrs. LINSTAD & DAVIS, Alexandra Buildings, on or before TUESDAY, the 19th FEBRUARY. Price \$10 Per Day or \$30 for the Meeting.

LINSTAD & DAVIS,
Treasurers.
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HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING 1924.

FEBRUARY 20th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd.

MEMBERS' Badges of Admission are now Ready and may be obtained by those Members, who have not already received them, from Messrs. LINSTAD & DAVIS, Alexandra Buildings. Members are notified that they cannot gain Admission on production of the Metal Badges issued last year.

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
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HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING 1924.

FEBRUARY 20th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd.

TICKETS of Admission, to the Public Enclosure may be obtained from Messrs. LINSTAD & DAVIS, at the Gate. Price—\$3. Per Day.

Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform—\$1 Per Day. No one Admitted without a Ticket to be shown to the Ticket Inspector at the Gate.

LINSTAD & DAVIS,
Treasurers.
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HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this CORPORATION will be held at the CYRUS HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 23rd FEBRUARY, 1924, at 11.30 A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st December, 1923.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Monday, 11th February to Saturday 23rd February, 1924 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION will be held on the day and at the place aforesaid immediately upon the termination of the Ordinary Yearly Meeting for the purpose of considering and if thought fit of passing the following resolution viz:

That the Directors of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION be, and they are hereby requested and authorized by and on behalf of the Shareholders of the Corporation to take the steps necessary for the introduction of an Ordinance into the Legislative Council of the Colony of Hongkong and for the enactment of the same by the Governor of Hongkong with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof to effect the amendments necessary to the Ordinance under which the Corporation is incorporated and carrying on business so as to allow of the ordinary note issue of the Corporation being increased from \$20,000,000 to \$30,000,000 and to modify the existing requirements as regards the deposit of security in respect of its note issue in the following manner:

(a) To allow the whole of the increase (namely \$10,000,000) of such ordinary note issue shall be secured by coin or bullion or approved securities.

(b) To provide that whatever the total amount of the note issue may be at any particular time the amount of coin as distinct from bullion or approved securities to be deposited by the Corporation shall never be less than one third of the total amount of the bills in actual circulation.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. G. STEPHEN,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1924. [306]

HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25th, 1924, at 11 A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1923.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Thursday, February 14th, 1924, to Monday, February 25th, 1924, BOTH DAYS INCLUSIVE.

W. S. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hongkong, February 6th, 1924. [315]

INTIMATIONS

HONGKONG TRAMWAYS, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the REGISTER OF MEMBERS of the HONGKONG TRAMWAYS, LIMITED, will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, 14th FEBRUARY, to WEDNESDAY, 27th FEBRUARY, 1924, both days inclusive.

W. E. ROBERTS,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 7th February, 1924. [310]

KOWLOON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING will be held in the ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH HALL on MONDAY, 11th FEBRUARY, at 8 P.M. [389]

NOTICE.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

ONE Certificate No. 7741 for One Hundred Shares Nos. 57651 to 57750 inclusive, in this Company, standing in the Name of Mr. GEORGE HOWARD MAY (deceased) has been LOST, and if at the Expiration of One Month from the Date hereof the above Certificate be not forthcoming, another Certificate for the said Shares will be issued by the Company, and thereafter no other will be acknowledged.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.,
Hongkong, 22nd January, 1924. [238]

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Certificate 9/NS 7044 dated Hongkong 18th May, 1911, for 10 Shares numbered 84258 inclusive and Certificate Provisional No. 57739 dated Hongkong 20th of February, 1922, for 3 Shares of this Bank numbered 129017/129019 inclusive, both registered in the Name of Mrs. ESTHER FANNY SELBY have been Destroyed by Fire, and should these Certificates not be produced to the Bank before the 23rd FEBRUARY, 1924, New Certificates for the Shares will be issued, and the aforesaid Certificates No. 5/NS 7044 and Provisional No. 57739 will be thereafter treated by this Corporation as Null and Void.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
A. G. STEPHEN,
Chief Manager.
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CONTRACTORS' PLANT.

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BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEES

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MARRIAGE.

PORTER—WHITE.—At Shanghai, on Feb. 2nd, **ERNEST JOHN ANDREW PORTER**, to **MICHELLE CLARA**, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **WILLIAM AUGUSTUS WHITE** of Shanghai.

DEATHS.

OLDHAM.—At Shanghai, on February 4th, **WILLIAM OLDHAM** (late R.N.), electrician, aged 42 years.

THE TSAN TAI.—On February 24th, after three months' illness, the dearly beloved wife of **Tse Tsan Tai** (Shanghai papers please copy). [338]

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Mr. THOMAS PERTIE returns sincere thanks to his many friends, for their sympathy, in his bereavement and for the floral tributes to his dear wife [323]

Hongkong Office: 14, Chester Road.
London Office: 111, Fleet Street, E.O.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 11th, 1924.

AUSTRALIA AND ITS EX-TRADE COMMISSIONER.

The announcement came as a great surprise about six months ago that the Australian Government had terminated the service of Mr. E. S. LITTLE as Australian Trade Commissioner in China, in the middle of his term of appointment, and given instructions for the closing of the office in Shanghai. There were not a few in Shanghai who were aware that secret charges had been made against Mr. LITTLE, and that two separate inquiries had been held by investigators specially sent by the responsible Ministry in the Commonwealth; but it was not until the mails from Australia brought a report of a full dress debate in the Dominion House of Representatives, which was reproduced in some of the Shanghai papers, that the general public obtained authoritative information of the nature of the charges made against the Trade Commissioner of the Commonwealth in China. Many of the charges were palpably ridiculous. The astonishing thing was that the responsible Minister, who ought to have been fully primed on the subject, left them uncontradicted and uncorrected, and allowed a stigma to rest upon the Commonwealth's officer in

China which he has every reason to resent. Since the responsible Minister has failed, in spite of the most urgent representations, to do him what appears to us to be elementary justice, Mr. LITTLE has felt himself obliged to publish a lengthy bulletin in his own defence.

Referring to the violent attack made upon him in the House of Representatives, Mr. LITTLE says he had no knowledge that such an attack was to take place. He had not been asked for any kind of explanations, and consequently was unjustly condemned, defenceless and unheard. He complains that the responsible Minister declined to impart to Members of the House, who repeatedly asked for it, the detailed information he had in his possession, and says that "if this had been put unreservedly at the disposition of members it would certainly have placed a different complexion on the debate and would, undoubtedly, have led to a different result." No one who reads Mr. LITTLE'S "Defence Bulletin," which includes among other things the report made to the Ministry by Senator BAKHAR on the inquiry he conducted into the secret charges made against the Trade Commissioner, can consider it credible that the decision of the Australian Government will be allowed to stand when the members of the Dominion Parliament are placed in possession of the facts and documents embraced in this pamphlet. It would occupy too much of our space to enter into the allegations made against Mr. LITTLE as Trade Commissioner for Australia; it must suffice to give the following extract from the report made to the Ministry by Senator BAKHAR, who conducted the inquiry on thoroughly impartial lines, viz: "There is nothing whatever in the way of support of the many charges brought against LITTLE, to justify the blasting of his reputation established during thirty or forty years' residence in China, at the instance of a man and woman who both are recent arrivals to this country and who can have at most only a superficial acquaintance with its conditions and the duties which have to be carried out by the Trade Commissioner." And again: "Despite anything in the way of criticisms which I have embodied in this report, I consider him to be an excellent man for the position and I believe it would be exceedingly difficult to get a better one."

We do not think it is too much to say, as Mr. LITTLE does, that in this matter "the honour of the Commonwealth is at stake." We are considering the matter uninfluenced by acquaintance with any of the persons concerned, and purely upon the evidence furnished in the "Defence Bulletin" before us. We affirm that it is hard to discover what substantial grounds existed for the abrupt closing of an office, which was evidently doing valuable educational work in the interests of Australian trade in China, though the immediate results may have been disappointing; and harder still to see the justification for the curt cancellation of the Trade Commissioner's contract of service without payment of a cent of compensation. It would be nothing short of an insult to the intelligence, impartiality and integrity of the Commonwealth House of Parliament if Mr. LITTLE makes his appeal to it for reinstatement in vain—or, at least, if on public grounds the House approves the closing of the Office, it does not see that this involves no financial loss and embarrassment to the Officer who held the appointment of Trade Commissioner. As the case stands, the action of the Commonwealth Government is perfectly astounding, and it is astonishing that Mr. LITTLE'S urgent appeals to the Ministry for the reasons for his dismissal in view of the Bakhhar Report have been entirely ignored. No other course remained possible to Mr. LITTLE than to clear his character from the suspicions his summary dismissal cast upon it than to publish the facts, regardless of the nasty impression it must leave in the public mind as to subservience of the Civil Service of the Commonwealth to unworthy political influences.

Fifteen cases of small-pox were notified on the 8th inst., one being a Portuguese case.

Mr. J. P. Warren has joined the Court of Directors of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

The names of **Mr. F. Clemes** and **Mr. Sik Lam Wong** have been added to the local list of Authorized Architects.

The Hongkong football team, which played Shanghai last week are returning on the *President Jefferson*, which is due on the 13th inst.

Mr. A. H. Barlow, having returned to the Colony, has resumed his position as Manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank in Hongkong.

Chungking is the latest outpost to add to the race courses of China. It finds that the Sport of Kings is the greatest medium of friendship between Chinese and foreigners.

"A Model Soldier" is the title of the biography of President Tsao Kan which will shortly be completed and circulated by the Ministry of War among officers and soldiers of the Republican Army.

Mr. J. S. McCann, of Messrs. MacKinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Ltd., on his return from Home leave, has been transferred to Yokohama, and continued his voyage in the P. & O. *Valdera* which left on Saturday.

Dr. G. M. Harrison will give a lantern lecture on "The Wonders of Nature in the East" at the Helena May Institute to-day (Monday), at 5.30 p.m. The public are cordially invited to attend. The lantern used will be a *Patch* University—ADVT.

Taking into consideration the fact that the Chinese New Year celebration had but recently terminated, the Marine Magistrate (Lieut.-Comdr. Conway Hale, R.N.R.) dismissed with cautions a dozen summonses against boat people who were charged on Saturday with lying inshore during prohibited hours.

Among passengers booked to Hongkong by P. & O. steamers are the following: By the *Kyber*, which left London on January 18th, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Trentman and Mrs. C. Ross; by the *China*, which left London on February 1st, Captain Douglas; by the *Kalyan*, which leaves London February 15th, Mr. T. W. Hornby and Mr. F. F. Wright, who joined the ship at Colombo.

An entertainment which is described as unique is provided at the Theatre Royal from to-night till Wednesday, by Dick Norton and the Globe Troupe. They gave the entertainment last week and its great success warrants the expectation that they will have large audiences at the Theatre Royal. A double column advertisement appears in our to-day's issue.

The monthly water return gives the storage in the reservoirs supplying the City as 1,331 million gallons on the 1st February, compared with 919 million gallons on the same date last year. The consumption during January was 383 million gallons with a constant supply, against 187 million gallons with the intermittent supply last year. At Kowloon the storage is 982 million gallons against 251 million on 1st February last year, and the consumption 65 million gallons against 36 million in January last year, full supply being maintained at Kowloon during both years.

The Meteorological Observations taken at the Royal Observatory, Hongkong, during the month of January show that rain fell on ten days, the total for the month being 1,080 inch. The mean maximum temperature for the month was 63.9 degrees (it went up on two occasions to over 70 degrees) and the mean minimum for the month was 50.5. The lowest point reached was 47.5 degrees on January 1st. Mr. Claxton adds to his statistical extract the following note: The rainfall for the month of January at the Botanical Gardens was 1in. 59 on 10 days; at the Matilda Hospital, Mount Kellet, it was 1in. 43 on 7 days; and at the Police Station Taiipo, it was 1in. 44 on 3 days. The lowest barometer at sea level was 29.355 at 14 on the 14th. The maximum sea level velocity, as recorded by the Dines-Baxendell anemograph, was at the rate of 48 miles per hour at 22h. 35m. on the 20th.

A delightful little story is going the rounds. It concerns an American lady passenger of the s.s. *Franconia*, the round the world tourist ship which stayed here for a couple of days a fortnight ago, and a member of the Hongkong Police Force, an acting sergeant. The story goes that a young lady in one of the parties which did the motor trip to the New Territories got into conversation with the police sergeant and a friend in the neighbourhood of Shan Ha. General remarks were exchanged regarding the beauty of the scenery, the nearness of the Chinese border, etc. The upshot of it all was that the policeman and the girl arranged to meet the following evening. The venue was the Hongkong Hotel. The girl was there in full evening rig and the sergeant was there in a borrowed dinner suit. Either here or on the roadside at Shan Ha the story really begins, because the girl decided to Manilla or anywhere else. *Franconia* was in Hongkong. And the policeman, well, they say he has been "bought out" of the Force, is being despatched to the United States to undergo a general polishing, and it is added that a wedding is expected to take place in due course.

Many old friends of Mr. Gershom Stewart in Hongkong will be pleased to see that he has been made a Knight of the Order of the British Empire. Sir Gershom Stewart resided in Hongkong for twenty-three years (1853 to 1906). He came out in the service of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, but later started in business in which business his brother, the late Mr. Murray Stewart (who was also in the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank) joined him in 1900. The new Knight was for some years a member of the Legislative Council, Chairman of the Hongkong Branch of the China Association when it was a much more active organization than it is to-day, and, generally, he took a very active part in the public and social life of the Colony. As a Scotsman, he is one of the past Presidents of the Local S. A. Andrews' Society. He will also be remembered by old residents, among other things, for his opposition to Hongkong having a gold currency while China remained silver; and also for his persistent advocacy of the construction of the railway from Kowloon to Canton. In 1903 he went to Kwangsi as the Colony's almoner for the distribution of relief funds raised in the Colony. Since 1910 Mr. Gershom Stewart had represented in the House of Commons the Writral Division of Cheshire, but lost the seat at the last election. He has been knighted for Colonial and Imperial services.

COLOGNE ZONE RAILWAYS.

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[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

COLOGNE ZONE RAILWAYS.

AMICABLE SETTLEMENT EFFECTED.

PARIS, February 9th.

Advices from Cologne state that the British and French High Commissioners have reached an agreement regarding the railways in the Cologne zone.

It is stated that the agreement provides that the Cologne railways shall remain under German direction, but the Regie will have the right to send trains through the zone.

French political circles are most pleased with the settlement, which is due to friendly conciliation on both sides. The French emphasize that relations are in an excellent position for dealing with paramount issues, upon which a general European settlement depends.

DOMINION STATUS FOR INDIA.

GOVERNMENT TO UNDERTAKE OFFICIAL INQUIRY.

DELHI, February 9th.

Replying at a crowded meeting of the Assembly to a motion in favour of full self-governing dominion status for India, and also for provincial autonomy, Sir Malcolm Hailey said that the immediate grant of full responsibility was impossible, but the Government would undertake an official enquiry with a view to removing difficulties revealed in the working of the Government of India Act. The debate was adjourned.

HOLLAND'S NAVAL PROGRAMME.

GOVERNMENT'S NEW NAVAL BILL.

AMSTERDAM, February 9th.

The Government's memorandum relative to the Naval estimates for 1924 shows that, despite the rejection of its former measure, the Government intends to introduce a new Naval Bill. It is not expected, however, that this will be dealt with during the current session, as the restoration of the State finances has preference. In the meantime, the Government has submitted proposals to construct two flotilla vessels, two destroyers, one submarine and a mine-layer for the East Indies, and six reconnoitring aeroplanes for service in Holland.

The expenditure involved amounts to sixteen million guilders.

FRENCH FISCAL PROGRAMME.

FIRST ARTICLE PASSED BY CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES.

PARIS, February 9th.

The Chamber of Deputies has passed, by 329 votes to 207, the first article of the fiscal programme, which M. Poincaré proposed as a question of confidence.

MONEY IN TOBACCO.

BRITISH IMPERIAL CO.'S FINE DIVIDEND.

LONDON, February 9th.

The annual report of the Imperial Tobacco Company shows a net profit of £7,000,000.

The directors propose a final dividend of eight per cent. and a bonus of a shilling per share, both tax-free, making twenty per cent., as compared with 22½ per cent. last year.

BUBONIC PLAGUE.

SERIOUS OUTBREAK IN EAST RUSSIA.

LONDON, February 9th.

A serious outbreak of bubonic plague is reported from East Russia. The whole of the territory under the Government of Astrakhan has been proclaimed as affected. Drastic combative measures are proceeding. Ninety anti-plague detachments are working in Kirghiz Province and six in Kalmuck Province.

UNIONIST PARTY PROGRAMME.

LANCASHIRE OPPOSED TO PROTECTION.

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STABILISATION OF GERMAN CURRENCY.

RECOMMENDATIONS BY COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS.

BERLIN, February 9th.

The first committee of Allied experts, presided over by General Dawes, has issued a communiqué stating that its labours have led to the unanimous adoption of a plan for the establishment of a German gold note bank, which would exchange its own notes for notes of the Rentenbank and Reichsbank. The president of the Reichsbank agrees in thinking that the carrying out of this plan would prove an important step towards the final stabilisation of Germany's currency, and the balancing of her budget.

The Committee will urge the Reparations Commission to take the necessary steps for carrying out the plan with the utmost despatch.

GERMAN SEAMEN REPATRIATED.

ACTION BY BRITISH SEAMEN'S UNION.

LONDON, February 9th.

Six hundred German seamen who have been on strike have left London for Hamburg. They were repatriated by the Seamen's Union, an official of which explained that they were being repatriated in the interests of the shipping community of the world generally, also as a protest against the action of certain shipowners in chartering German bottoms, on account of cheapness, rather than use their own vessels, as a consequence of which hundreds of British seamen were unable to obtain work.

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EARLIER CABLES.

NEW HONOURS LIST.

FORMER HONGKONG RESIDENT HONOURED.

LONDON, February 8th.

The list of Honours conferred in consequence of the resignation of Mr. Balfour as Premier, comprises one new Peer, five new Privy Counsellors, nine new Barons and 10 new Knights. Sir John G. Butcher has received a Barony.

The Knighthood of the British Empire has been conferred on Mr. Gerhorm Stewart, for Colonial and Imperial services.

FORTY-EIGHT HOUR WEEK.

BRITISH LEGISLATION URGED.

LONDON, February 8th.

A deputation from the Trade Union Congress has waited on the Minister for Labour and urged that immediate steps be taken to give legislative effect to the Washington Convention with regard to a forty-eight hour week. The deputation quoted statements in support of its contention that ratification of the Washington Convention in foreign countries was largely held up by Britain's attitude and there had therefore been a tendency to lengthen the hours of labour.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES.

PATIENT—PROGRESSING FAVOURABLY.

LONDON, February 8th.

H.R.H. The Prince of Wales has had his collarbone broken. It is a simple fracture and it was surgically attended to by a London specialist. The Prince is in bed at York House and as comfortable as the circumstances will permit.

Sir Stanley Hewitt issued a bulletin this afternoon stating that there were no complications and the Prince is progressing favourably.

PRINCE OF WALES PROGRESSING WELL.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES PASSED A GOOD NIGHT, AND IS PROGRESSING WELL.

RUSSIA'S NOTE TO BRITAIN.

LONDON, February 8th.

It is understood that the Russian reply to the British Note according recognition is being handed to the Foreign Office to-day. It closely follows the lines of the recent resolution by the Council of Soviets.

The Russian Note to Britain is couched in diplomatic language. It expresses readiness to replace the Treaties which have been denounced or have lost their juridical force in consequence of events during or after the war. The Soviet Government will therefore send plenipotentiaries to London whose task will also include the settlement of mutual outstanding claims and obligations, as well as the determination of means to restore Russia's credit in Britain. The Soviet emphasis on that mutual confidence of non-interference in internal affairs must remain an indispensable condition for the development of friendly Anglo-Russian relations. The Note intimates the appointment of M. Rakovsky as Charge d'Affaires, pending the appointment of an Ambassador.

THE LLOYD GEORGE INCIDENT.

LONDON, February 8th.

Mr. Lloyd George returned to the Foreign Office the proofs of the French Yellow Book which caused the recent controversy.

It is stated on good authority that M. Poincaré has intimated that so far as he is concerned the incident may be regarded as closed.

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT LOAN.

MELBOURNE, February 8th.

The prospectus is issued of the Federal Government's 25 million sterling loan at six per cent. issued at par. The lists will close on March 18th.

EXECUTION BY LETHAL GAS.

CARSON CITY (NEVADA), February 8th.

The first execution by lethal gas in American history has been carried out in the case of Gao Jon, a Chinese convicted of murder.

THE OPIUM QUESTION.

BERNE, February 8th.

The Federal Council has approved of a Bill and statement regarding the appropriation of the International Opium Convention.

GERMAN SEAMEN'S STRIKE ENDED.

LONDON, February 8th.

The strike of German seamen in British ports is off, negotiations having been agreed upon.

OBITUARY.

PARIS, February 8th.

The death is announced of M. Lafitte, the Chairman of Havas News Agency.

LATEST CABLES.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

PERSIAN OIL CONCESSIONS.

New York, February 9th.

A letter from the Persian Minister, published in the New York Times, explains the present position of the proposed Sinclair Concession in Persia.

The Minister says, being disirous of shaking off British and Russian economic domination, Persia opened negotiations with the Standard Oil Company in 1921, inviting exploitation of the northern provinces.

The Anglo-Persian Company, whose claims to concessions have been proved null, succeeded in bluffing the Standard Oil Company, which then offered to enter the field on a 50-50 basis with the Anglo-Persian Company.

The Persian Government rejected this offer, and the Standard Oil Company later changed its attitude and offered to take over the entire concession. The Sinclair Corporation, in the meantime, made a favourable offer.

The letter adds that the terms of both the Sinclair and Standard Oil Companies were rejected because the royalties were considered inadequate.

"REPUTABLE INDEPENDENT COMPANY OF U.S."

The Persian Legislature then passed an oil-law authorising a grant to a "reputable independent company of the United States." The law provided that the concessionaire must arrange for a loan of at least \$10,000,000 to Persia, through American banks. The law was submitted to the Standard Oil Company, which made no reply, but the Sinclair Company made counter-proposals, and an agreement was finally signed last year accepting concessions on a basis closely following the law.

It now remains for the Persian Parliament, which is being convened next month, to ratify the agreement, without which the concessions are ineffective.

U.S. NAVAL APPROPRIATION.

LESS THAN LAST YEAR.

WASHINGTON, February 8th.

The Appropriations Committee has approved the Annual Naval Appropriation Bill, providing for an expenditure of \$272,000,000, of which \$30,000,000 will be available for the completion of over a score of vessels under construction. The total is \$4,500,000 less than the budget estimate, and \$25,000,000 less than was allotted to the Navy last year. The Bill also provides for an expenditure of \$14,500,000 for aviation, which is slightly below last year.

DANISH PRINCE ENGAGED TO AMERICAN GIRL.

NEW YORK, February 9th.

Dr. James Green announces the engagement of his daughter Eleanor to Prince Viggo of Denmark. The Prince is a nephew of Queen Alexandra, and is at present in Ottawa, where he is to attend the marriage of his brother Eric to Miss Lois Booth on Monday.

AMERICAN SECURITIES.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT REJECTED.

WASHINGTON, February 9th.

The House of Representatives has rejected a resolution proposing a constitutional amendment to prohibit the issue of tax exempt securities.

MEXICAN UPHEAVAL.

REBELS AGAIN ACTIVE.

—VERA CRUZ, February 9th.

Revolutionaries re-occupied Orizaba, Amozaba and Vera Cruz on February 7th.

Martial law has been proclaimed. Some looting has occurred.

U.S. OIL LEASE SCANDALS.

SENSATIONAL TESTIMONY.

WASHINGTON, February 8th.

Further sensational testimony developed before the Senate Committee which is investigating oil leases when Mr. Bonilla, publisher of the Denver Post, alleged that Sinclair, Doherty and the Standard Oil and allied companies conspired to assure the award of the Teapot Dome oil lease to Sinclair.

The Committee has deferred Mr. McAdoo's examination for a week.

EARLIER CABLES.

WASHINGTON, February 8th.

The Oil Lease Committee will hear Mr. McAdoo, at his own request, to-morrow.

THE HONDURAS REBELLION.

WASHINGTON, February 8th.

The cruiser Rochester has proceeded to Honduras in response to an appeal by American residents.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SINO-GERMAN DEBT AGREEMENT.

"PERFECTLY LEGITIMATE."

PARIS, February 9th.

While no official confirmation has reached here of the Shanghai report regarding the Sino-German indemnity agreement, it is declared that this would be perfectly legitimate from the viewpoint of the Reparations Commission.

It is presumed that the \$1,400,000 mentioned in the Shanghai telegram is merely an instalment of the total debt of over one milliard dollars provided for in the Sino-German Peace Treaty.

JAPANESE LOAN ISSUE.

Advices from New York announce that the Japanese loan of \$300,000,000 will be issued simultaneously in London and New York on Wednesday. (Reuter's American Service).

[BY COURTESY OF "THE DAILY BULLETIN."]

REUNIFICATION.

PREMIER'S DELEGATE TO CHANG TSO LIN.

PEKING, February 8th.

Premier Sun Pao-chi recently sent Sun Hung-yao, a Cabinet Councillor, to Mukden to interview Chang Tso-lin regarding reunification.

Chang Tso-lin gave the delegate a good reception, saying that he would be happy to see unification, but that the attitude of the Manchurian Provinces in the matter would be determined by the people.

When Chang Shou-tsung recently visited Peking, he was offered the post of Unification Commissioner, but he declined, saying that when he was Premier his peace policy failed, and that the situation was now more difficult.

The President now proposes to appoint Chang Shou-tsung as High Commissioner for North-West China, a post in which he will supervise the rehabilitation measures at Urga.

NEW YEAR FINANCE.

PEKING, February 8th.

Wang Keh-ming, having financially tided over the New Year, wants to be relieved of the portfolio of Minister of Finance, and it is uncertain whether efforts to induce him to remain will be successful.

STEAMERS ASHORE.

SHANGHAI, February 7th.

The United States Shipping Board steamer Edmore, from Kobe to Shanghai, owing to the heavy seas went ashore on the rocky at Quelpart Island last Tuesday night.

Two of the Shipping Board steamers got off the Edmore last night and are towing her stern first to Shanghai.

A Lloyd Triestino steamer also went ashore on the Amoy Rocks early on Wednesday morning, but was dragged off by tugs and is now being towed to Shanghai.

INDUSTRY WANTS LEADERS.

NOT ENOUGH SERIOUS YOUNG MEN.

The annual headmasters' conference, held at Winchester, recently resolved that efforts be made to promote the entry of public school boys into productive industry and instructed a joint committee to invite the General Council of the Trades Union Congress to consultation on the subject.

Discussion of a memorandum by Mr. Gerard Fienner, of the Central Council the Economic Information, on "The Place of Public School Men in Productive Industry," preceded the resolution. Mr. Fienner said public school boys had learned to exercise authority without training, and if they would get the spirit of their schools into industry they would do a great deal to obviate dangers of unhappy divisions.

Sir Arthur Duckham, a leader of industry, said openings in industry were greater and rewards higher than ever, but there was a great lack of really sound men as leaders. The public school training was the ideal start. What industry wanted was the fellow who would not be frightened to tackle a job and who would really carry it through. The young fellow of to-day wanted too much amusement.

The chairman (Mr. F. Fletcher, of Charterhouse) said that Mr. Bramley, secretary to the General Council of the Trades Union Congress, told their committee that if a public school education was indispensable or invaluable for industrial control, the doors should be thrown open as wide as possible to a public school education.

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PARIS FASHION NOTES.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT,
ISABEL RAMSAY.)

FESTIVAL EVENING GOWNS.

PARIS, JANUARY 30th.

Paris is preparing for the festivities which accompany the exit of the Old Year in this gay city. All the maisons de couture are offering new collections of evening gowns for the fetes and dinners and balls which will take place between Christmas and New Year. In fact, these gowns have already begun with the Directorate ball, which took place in the Opera last night and was pronounced by the seasoned men about town the most brilliant affair since the beginning of the war.

The Directorate was given, of course, with a charitable object in view—that of founding a home for students in Paris—and, as the attendance and the receipts were beyond all expectations, the organizers of the ball and the students for whose collective benefit it was given are congratulating themselves. But most of those who assisted at the spectacle are also content for the affair was a delightful one. The elegant way of life of the Directorate in France, Napoleon's triumphal return from Egypt, Hoche's "blue" Directorate dances, rendered by Mlle. Soule, of the Opera ballet. The revival of the costumes of the period were not the least of the charms of these pageant episodes. Stalwart sons of France stalked about in the "unbelievable" costumes, with their enormous bicorne hats, short-waisted coats, and tight-fitting knee-breeches. Appearing fragile beside their caparazoned shoulders appeared the "Merveilleuses" with their "Greek" costumes, which held more of France than of Greece. With more of France than of Greece, with long, clinging skirts, often transparent enough to let the jeweled garters be seen, with soft sandals over bare feet or the thinnest of silken hose, with quaint spoon-shaped bonnets, the "merveilleuses" paraded, so graceful that one began to wonder whether modern gowns are actually the most beautiful that ever were invented. This very idea leads colour to a rumour now current that the next movement of fashion will be toward short-waisted gowns. It is not unlikely that this may happen, as we have been wearing the low waistline so long that a number of women have become tired of it and have eagerly embraced the waistless gowns which have been offered by the most progressive couturiers during the last two seasons. So one may be prepared to see the belt suddenly rise from the hips to the armpits. It will be a welcome change.

But these changes do not effect themselves so suddenly, and we may as well look to the gowns created for the holidays to find indications of fashion's next step. Here we find the hip waistline, with full tunics suspended from it, and the long flat bodice, though there is more and more of a tendency to fit the bodies of evening gowns to a greater or less extent. One gorgeous gown which our artist has sketched has a cloth of gold cuirass extending from shoulders to knees, moulding the lines of the figure discreetly in its shining tissue, and terminating in a diagonal line just above the knees. From this "knee waist-line," which is bordered with silver roses, hang flounces of gold lace, while flounces of gold tulle, three in number, traverse the back of the gown and terminate at each side. An enormous snash of green tulle at the left side, and a dark green velvet rose adorns the right side.

A gorgeous creation of Patou, for the fetes, is a pale rose-coloured crepe gown, its bodice weighted with white grass, its skirts gown with long rows of these artificial "downdrops" which twinkle with every light and movement. Floating panels at either side of the gown give it a graceful effect. The split tunic—which is closely related to the floating panel, since it is simply an amplification of it—appears in our second sketch. This shows a black satin gown in the glossiest, its skirt split and set apart in the front to show a pleated skirt of white crepe bonafide. This type of "magpie" costume is a little severe on account of its lack of colour, and to remedy this effect there is the brilliant fan. This one is an antique Chinese fan, patterned with ruby peonies on a subtle blue ground whose tones blend into the shadows on the painted peony leaves. The tassel is of blue and is topped with a large green jade bead. The brilliance of the fan has all the more value as a contrast to the sobriety of colour in the costume.

Sleevelessness is the rule for evening gowns; but in general one finds that the shoulders are covered and that the bareness of the arms begins where an arm-hole ends. Quite the contrary with the third gown. Here shoulder-straps, and very narrow ones at that, are all that lie between the lady's shoulders and the cold world. The gown itself follows the sheath-like lines which are at once so graceful and so trying. To add to the grace and subtract from the tryingness, the designer has added a front panel, cut in a circular fashion, which is baffling to follow and beautiful in effect. This perplexing trick of the cutter has made the tunic fall in a wave line, which is edged with the marabout to underline its interest. Behind each edge of this tunic falls a long snash end of tulle, which is cyclamen red like the gown, and contrasts happily with the dark brown marabout which edges the tunic and forms the fan.

Shoulder-straps, aided and abetted by a transparent silk voile scarf, cover the shoulder of the last sketched lady. Again the gown is a sheath, but it is elaborately embroidered with sequins in Oriental designs. The tone of the gown is pale green, and the sequins run through shades of blue, violet and iris iridescence. Green enamel buckles are edged with a violet velvet frill. The ends of the scarf are finished with a wide hem of marabout dyed the same pale green as the dress and the scarf.

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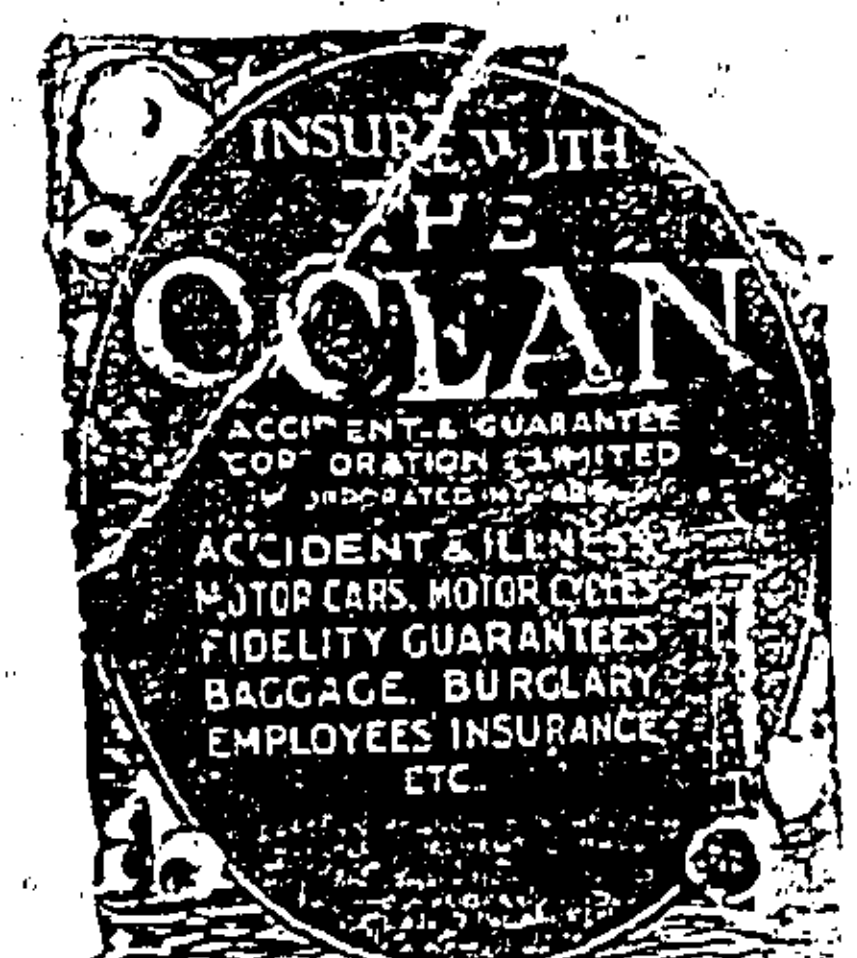
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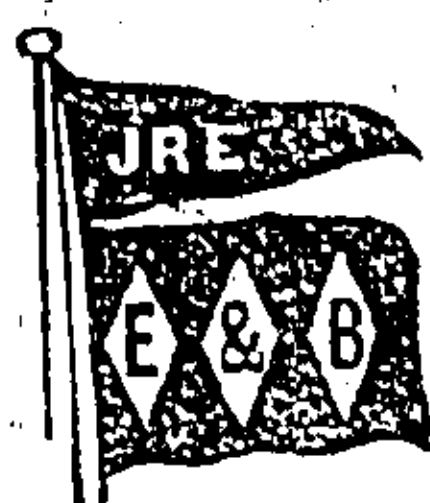
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VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER via Shanghai and Japan Ports.	Monday, 18th Feb.
"ARIZONA MARU" ...	End of Feb.
NEW YORK via Japan Ports, San Francisco and Panama.	Sunday, 24th Feb.
JAPAN PORTS—Mo. Kobe, Osaka, Yokohama & Nagoya.	Sunday, 24th Feb.
KEELUNG via SWATOW & AMOY.	Sunday, 17th Feb., 11 a.m.
"ALASKA MARU" ...	Thursday, 14th Feb., 8 a.m.
TAKAO via SWATOW & AMOY.	Saturday, 16th Feb.
"BUSHO MARU" ...	Saturday, 16th Feb.

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